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## MACAO BOAT EXPLODES MINE Narrow Escape On First Voyage

THE S.S. KWONG SAI, MAKING HER "MAIDEN VOYAGE" TO MACAO YESERDAY, HAD AN EXCEDEDINGLY NARROW ESCAPE FROM A MINE DISASTER. THE VESSEL ACTIVATED A MAGNETIC MINE, BUT IT DID NOT EXPLODE UNTIL THE "KWONG SAI" HAD PASSED ALMOST CLEAR.

IN THE RESULT, THE STERN OF THE "KWONG SAI" SUFFERED DAMAGE AND THERE WAS MOMENTARY PANIC ABOARD, BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO TURN ROUND AND COME BACK TO HONG KONG UNDER HER OWN STEAM.

## ANOTHER BIT OF ANCIENT HISTORY

TOKYO, NOV. 26. THE NEWSPAPER "MAIN-CHI" QUOTING AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAID TO-DAY THAT EMPEROR HIROHITO INTENDED TO SEND A REPLY TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PEACE MESSAGE BUT THAT TIME HAD PREVENTED IT.

Roosevelt's personal message in the critical period preceding Pearl Harbour was delivered by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew to Shigeru Tojo, then Foreign Minister, sometime around midnight of December 7, Tokyo time.

Around 2 a.m. the following morning Tojo proceeded to the Imperial Palace to submit the message to the throne and the Emperor expressed his wish to reply to the message. The paper said it was already after the time that the Japanese Supreme Command had decided on the surprise attack on Pearl Harbour.

Hirohito subsequently commanded that Grew be informed of the Emperor's intention, to reply to the message and Tojo notified Grew of this fact at 7.30 a.m. on December 8, adding that the Cabinet meeting which opened at the Premier's residence at 7.05 a.m. that morning had already decided to declare war on the United States.—Associated Press.

## Prosperous But Not Happy

KYOTO, JAPAN, NOV. 26. ITOSHI, THE SAMURAI SWORD MAKER, IS BUSY AND PROSPEROUS BUT NOT ALTOGETHER HAPPY.

Hundreds of swords and sabres, many among artistic triumphs of the craft which goes back 600 years, are going to the United States as souvenirs—to rest eventually in garages, attics and pawnshops. The thought of it pains Itoishi.

The little sword expert is in no position to say anything about it, but he would like to see at least the very fine swords placed in a museum or entrusted to collectors who appreciate the ancient art's fine points.

"You Americans think only of the eye appeal when you look at a sword," Itoishi said over a cup of tea. "You must appreciate the effort and spiritual meaning in a sword. In the old days when a man made a sword he put his heart and soul into it because it was for his master."

Itoishi is busy now repairing and reconditioning pieces that belong to the occupation troops. One ordnance collecting point at Osaka yielded approximately 3,000 swords and sabres. They were piled in room after room.—Associated Press.

## Moscow And The Rest

LONDON, Nov. 26. Moscow radio said yesterday that it was essential the United Nations Preparatory Commission "should not be dominated by any great power."

It said the Soviet Union was "ready to co-operate fully and wholeheartedly" to make the organization a success.—Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 26. U.N.R.A. Director Frank S. Gaines is about a piano on route to Korea via Manila and Tokyo where he will see General MacArthur, subsequently setting up his headquarters in Sydney.

He plans a personal study of Korea's needs.—Associated Press.

## GETTING A LITTLE WEARIED OF AUSTERITY

LONDON, NOV. 26. "SOMETIMES I FEEL WE WERE BETTER OFF THEN." THIS FEELING IN BRITAIN, A KIND OF NATIONAL WEARINESS OF THE HARSHSHIPS OF DAY-TO-DAY LIFE, OUGHT TO BE RECOGNISED FOR THE PART IT PLAYS IN ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE BRITON READS IN HIS NEWSPAPER THAT SHOES ARE OFF RATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND THEN, WALKING THE STREETS IN A PAIR HE HAS HAD MENDED AND RE-MENDED, HE SEES "NOTHING TO-DAY" SIGNS IN ONE STORE AFTER ANOTHER.

## Duggie Stirs Up Hornet's Nest This Time

OAK RIDGE, NOV. 26.

THE WRECKING OF THE JAPANESE CYCLOTRON WAS "WANTON AND STUPID TO THE POINT OF CONSTITUTING A CRIME AGAINST MANKIND" THE ASSOCIATION OF OAK RIDGE SCIENTISTS SAID IN A STATEMENT TO-DAY.

The destruction is entirely analogous to the burning of the Louvain Library by the Germans in 1914 and 1940.

A cyclotron is a scientific instrument which is used to uncover the fundamental facts of nature, the same facts that President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Mackenzie King have just declared are and shall remain the property of the world.

Months of continued operation by the cyclotron will at most produce barely enough bomb material to see; it takes pounds of such material to make one bomb.

The scientists asserted that the "wrecking of the Japanese cyclotron was as disreputable and ill considered as would be the burning of Japanese libraries or the smashing of printing presses. This action will be condemned by all intelligent people throughout the world. Officials responsible for this act must be called to account for such pillage. Men who cannot distinguish between the usefulness of a research machine and the military importance of a 16-inch gun have no place in positions of authority."—Associated Press.

## Gordon Bennett Case Hearing

MELBOURNE, NOV. 26. FORMER AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE LIGHTWOOD WILL SIT IN JUDGMENT THIS WEEK IN THE JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF GENERAL HENRY GORDON BENNETT'S ESCAPE FROM SINGAPORE IN FEBRUARY 1942.

The investigation was ordered by the Australian government following Australian army charges that Bennett deserted his post by escaping at the time of the surrender.

A military tribunal held a hearing on the charges, behind closed doors, but has not disclosed its judgment. Bennett refused to continue participating in the military hearing and insisted on an open hearing of his case.—Associated Press.

## Billy Bunter To Be New Screen Star

LONDON, NOV. 26. BILLY BUNTER, THE FAT BOY OF GREYFRIARS, BELOVED BY ALL SCHOOLBOYS, WILL BECOME THE HERO OF MOVIE CARTOONS TO BE PRODUCED BY BRITISH CINEMA MAGNATE J. ARTHUR RANK. BILLY BUNTER IS THE PETER PAN OF SCHOOLBOYS, WHOSE ADVENTURES DELIGHT READERS OF THE MAGNET.

Bunter has long outlived other characters among whom he was once only a junior figure.

Characters like Bob Cherry and Harry Wharton, who once personified English school-life for thousands of youthful readers, have departed the scene.

Rank who is not interested in imitating Disney creations, will introduce typically British characters.

He has engaged David Hand, an American cartoon veteran of 20 years experience, who was supervising director of "Snow White, Bambi, and Victory Through Air Power."

Hand is already at work with a staff of 60 British artists creating new characters and ideas.

No expects to have more than 2,000 people working on cartoons.

He says that Billy Bunter in movie cartoons will be better than ever.

Inventor of Billy Bunter, Charles Hamilton, who wrote under the pseudonym "Frank Richards," has invented new sets of characters, who may become movie cartoon figures.

Hamilton, a 39-year-old bachelor, estimates that his total output on Bunter and his colleagues has been 50,000,000 words, for which he received an annual pre-war income of \$2,500.

An enormous reparations bill has been put in against the Germans in order to be able to take over the many Nazi properties in Norway.

Norwegians are a bit sore that the big powers are now muscling in on the whaling business but many feel that nobody will be able to compete with the hardy Norwegian seaman in the Antarctic—and that apart, when applied to other questions, gives the faith that this little country will recover with vigour.—Norway.

## ROCKET BOMBS USED IN JAVA

BATAVIA, NOV. 26. BRITAIN YESTERDAY SENT MOSQUITO ROCKET BOMBERS INTO ACTION AGAINST THE INDONESIANS AS FIGHTING RAGED IN SOURABAYA, SEMARANG, BATAVIA AND AMBARAWA AND SPREAD TO BANDUNG.

THE ROCKET BOMBERS SCORED 13 DIRECT HITS ON JOGJAKARTA AND NINE ON THE SOEKARTA RADIO STATION FROM WHERE THE BRITISH ALLEGED THE INDONESIANS HAVE BEEN BROADCASTING VICIOUS PROPAGANDA INCITING THE PEOPLE AGAINST THEM.

## Novel Berlin Development

BERLIN, NOV. 26. A novel situation was created here yesterday when Russian military police, with official permission, searched the British section of Berlin for Red deserters. British and German police watched with interest while the Reds lined up a large group to check identities.

One American military officer said Red deserters were skipping out at a rate he called "Pretty terrible."—Associated Press.

## Wedemeyer Gets Tough In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, NOV. 26. ANGERED AT RAPIDLY ASCENDING PRICES IN SHANGHAI, LT.-GEN. ALBERT C. WEDEMAYER, COMMANDER OF AMERICAN FORCES IN CHINA, DECLARED YESTERDAY HE WAS DETERMINED TO SMASH THE EXPLOITATION OF AMERICANS.

He emphasized that he was not bluffing nor intimidating. He said his staff was studying the correct approach. If steps to control prices fail, Wedemeyer said he would place all "price gougers" out of bounds to troops.

The Sky Terrace of the exclusive Park Hotel was placed out of bounds for naval personnel because of a 30 per cent price increase. The hotel management rescinded the price increase and agreed to confer with U.S. naval authorities before making any other price advances.—Associated Press.

The British are concerned over what is described as a carefully planned uprising at Bandung.

## Freddy Tate Show At Nuernberg

NUREMBERG, NOV. 26. WHEN RUDOLF HESS ENTERED THE DOCK AT THE NUREMBERG COURT HOUSE THIS MORNING IN THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF THE TWENTY NAZI LEADERS, HE DEMANDED TO HAVE HIS PICTURE TAKEN. HE STOOD UP WAVING HIS HANDS WILDLY UNTIL THE COURT PHOTOGRAPHER COMPLIED WITH HIS REQUEST. THIS OCCURRED BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL HAD ENTERED THE COURT ROOM.

The session formally opened with an application by Doctor Fritz Sauter, counsel for the former Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, for a secretary to be made available for Ribbentrop, to assist in the preparation of his defence, owing to the volume of material.

Dr. Sauter also asked that several of Ribbentrop's former colleagues in the German Foreign Office should be brought to Nuremberg as witnesses. It was impossible, he said, for Ribbentrop to recall details of the last eight years, equipped as at present with only a pencil and a notebook.

In the past four years, Ribbentrop had taken so many sleeping draughts particularly bromide that his memory had suffered considerably.

Lord Justice Lawrence, the presiding judge, said that the Tribunal would consider Ribbentrop's application.

Sydney Alderman, Deputy United States Prosecutor, then went to the rostrum in the centre of the Court room.

TEN SECRET DOCUMENTS

Referring to the ten secret Nazi documents which the world heard about on Friday, he said: "This handful of documents leaves no reasonable doubt on the aggressive war count."

"Unfortunately, there has been much misinformation at times resembling deliberate and false propaganda, circulated throughout the world, even from high sources which has tended to cloud not only the truth about problems here but apparently designed to influence international opinion and international policies."—Associated Press.

## MACAO: LATEST

MACAO, Nov. 26. It is now reported that the cause of the present blockade is the fact that Chinese troops across the border are controlling the movement of persons throughout the Chungshan district during an anti-Communist drive.

Eventually, the sedan crashed into a pillar outside No. 417, Hennessy Road, and the driver, who was seen to be bleeding from the head, got out of the car and ran away.

The car had earlier been reported missing after it had been parked outside the Hong Kong Hotel in Pedder Street some time in the afternoon.

The "borrower" was dressed in European clothing, and escaped in the direction of Causeway Bay.

London, Nov. 26. An Exchange Telegraph report last night from Nuremberg said that Hermann Goering, defense counsel, had announced he intended to call Colonel Charles Lindbergh as a witness.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BRANCH

## NOTICE

## 1. Medical Facilities

Civil Affairs Personnel, Essential Services Workers and dependents of Volunteers may obtain medical advice and treatment as follows:

## 2. Medical Clinics

Gloucester Hotel, First Floor, Tel: 25633  
Fire Brigade Building, Ground Floor, Tel: 32953  
Peninsula Hotel, First Floor, Tel: 58081 Ext. 39  
Kowloon Hospital-Out Patient Clinic  
Queen Mary Hospital-Out Patient Clinic

The hours of attendance are:

09.00 - 12.00  
14.00 - 16.30

## 3. Special Consultations

(a) Eye Consultations are held by Dr. T. P. Lee at Queen's Road, Out Patient Dept. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 09.00 - 12.00 hours or at Kowloon Hospital on Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 09.00 - 12.00 hours.

(b) Dental Service can be obtained at Gloucester Bldg., Room 416 Tel: 20785  
King's Building, First Floor, Tel: 31567

Hours of consultations are  
09.00 - 12.00 hours  
14.00 - 16.30 "

(c) Surgical, Medical, Gynaecological, Ear, Nose, and Throat etc. consultations can be arranged at the Queen Mary Hospital and Kowloon Hospitals by individual appointment through the Medical Officer at the Clinics or directly through the Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital concerned.

## 4. Hospital Facilities

Full hospital facilities for the treatment of emergency and other conditions have been established at

(a) Queen Mary Hospital  
MO i/c Dr. Griffith Tel: 34144

(b) Kowloon Hospital  
MO i/c Lt. Col. Wilkinson  
Tel: 59838

(c) Nethersole Hospital  
MO i/c Dr. R. M. Alderton  
Tel: 27787

## 5. Emergency and Night Calls

In cases of emergency the Medical Officer on duty can be reached by telephone outside ordinary hours as follows

Hong Kong: Gloucester Hotel, 8th Floor, Tel: 28141  
ask for doctor on call (Capt. Lee or Capt. Abraham)

Kowloon: Peninsula Hotel, Room 514, Tel: 58081 (Dr. H. C. Ho)

Essential Services personnel whose firms have medical officers are expected to contact their own officer in case of emergency.

## 6. Ambulances

With the present scarcity of transport arrangements for an ambulance should be made through a Medical Officer.

In case of emergency ambulances are available as follows:-

Hong Kong-Naval Dockyard  
Tele: 30361  
Ext. 45. 09.00-16.00 hrs.  
Ext. 118. 16.00-08.00

Kowloon-R.A.F. Tel: 58813  
or R.N. Tel: 50077

7. Civil Affairs Officers should make appointments by telephone for Clinic and Special Consultations to avoid unnecessary waste of time.

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## THE CZECHS

The emergence and quick practical achievements of Czechoslovakia after World War I demonstrated the hard-headed quality of her people, who had managed to steer their national movement clear of mystical aberrations common among suppressed communities. Sure of their objective, they were no less ready to compromise than to be ruthless, and although they erred badly in demarcating a frontier which enclosed a disruptive minority of 3,000,000 Germans, all other elements in the composite State were so successfully unified that in industrial prosperity and social security it soon outstripped its contemporaries to become a rival of older Powers. That is why, when the Nazis arose to dominate the Central European scene, they were especially determined upon quick obliteration of the Czechs. But the latter were too sturdy to be obliterated by six years of systematic oppression; and now, hardly 8 months after their liberation, they are busy reconstructing their economy, while neighbours pursue powers policies and indulge in fratricidal ideologies. As befits the most representative Czech of our times, President Benes has brought to bear on his native wisdom the wealth of experience often painful gained during the last decade. Soon after the Munich sell-out unverifiable reports were current that he had refused Russia's offer of armed assistance for fear of Communist contamination. But whatever his past prejudices or beliefs, he has evidently for some time recognized that Czechoslovakia's interests require unquestionable friendship with Russia. Hence the graceful cession of Ruthenia, which may have made the Red Army less interfering in Czechoslovakia than elsewhere. Nevertheless, such information as can be got indicates that the "pyramidal structure" of Sovietization is so far invisible in Czechoslovakia; and as long as Dr. Benes remains President, political democracy — as understood in Western countries — is unlikely to be discarded. All seem agreed that, if the elections are to yield stable results, they must be postponed until the disorganization left by the Germans has been set right, and displaced Czechs are home again. Public opinion favours early nationalization of key industries. In the meantime, the central Administration shares power with the national committees set up during the Nazi occupation. These, which enjoy a degree of regional autonomy hitherto unknown in Czechoslovakian local government, are fostering a process of democratic decentralization. Like other practical-minded folk, the Czechs at times seem hard; and in their understandable anxiety to rid themselves of the Sudeten Germans they may be creating fresh causes of European instability, which would hold up their own recovery. Even after the Potsdam agreement to effect the expulsion humanely, refugees evicted from Czechoslovakia without spare clothing, food or money were flowing in a continuous flood north-westwards to Saxony and south-westwards to Bavaria, where the Swiss Red Cross struggled with a gigantic task of relief. Conditions in such bottlenecks as Stettin and Breslau were appalling. Of late there has perhaps been some improvement. Nevertheless Dr. Ripska, the Czech Minister of Commerce, recently reiterated (as is understandable, in view of his country's sufferings) that too much sympathy is felt for Germans in certain quarters. To British representations, Dr. Ripska replies that, life with the Sudetens being impossible for Czechoslovakia, they must leave; and so in a pitiable stream, taking with them perhaps the seeds of famine, pestilence and anarchy. It is a great and probably inevitable German disaster, the Nemesis of Nazism.

## VIET MINH INVITED

Saigon, Nov. 26.  
The High Commissioner for French Indo-China, Admiral Thibaut Dargassies, announced today he had personally invited the Viet Minh (Nationalist) leaders to get in touch with him.—Reuters.

## Para Troops Surround Settlements

JERUSALEM, NOV. 26.  
BRITISH AIRBORNE TROOPS TO-DAY SURROUNDED THREE JEWISH SETTLEMENTS AND ORDERED A CURFEW ALONG A LARGE SECTION OF THE PALESTINIAN COAST AFTER A "PARTY OF ARMED JEWS" HAD ATTAILED TWO COAST-GUARD STATIONS AND WOUNDED 14 POLICE.

The disorders are believed to be connected with the capture yesterday of a Greek merchant schooner which brought 200 illegal Jewish immigrants to the coast, where all except six managed to land and disperse.

A Jewish spokesman said: "We had nothing to do with last night's attacks and we will resist any military or police searches in our settlement."

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Cairo reported that riots broke out in Palestine and that clashes occurred at Tel Aviv between police and Jews. Associated Press.

CURFEW BREAKING Jerusalem, Nov. 26.

Mass curfew breaking by thousands of Jews on the Palestine coastal roads and obstruction of British paratroops emerged in searching for illegal immigrants, believed to have landed on the Greek ship Dimitrios

The Jewish inhabitants of Haderah have crowded into the large Jewish collective settlement of Givat Ha'am, determined to hold out there as long as the troops of the Sixth British Airborne troops appear to have contributed to a worsening of the situation.

This is a manoeuvre rendering impossible the effective investigation by troops searching for illegal immigrants, believed to have landed from the Greek ship Dimitrios last week.

Thousands of Jews have assembled along the coastal road between Tel Aviv and Herzlia, disregarding the twelve hour curfew. Reuter.

## Keep Moving Arrives

Another E.N.S.A. Show arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by sea. It is called "Keep Moving" and has certainly lived up to its name.

Pat Gaye who produced the show, suggested the idea to Major M. Brennan O/C E.N.S.A. Hong Kong when they were both in Burma. Gaye was sent to Calcutta to assemble his cast.

They flew to Burma but had not been there two days when they were shipped with the landing force for Singapore. When they arrived there they gave their first performance in Malaya within half an hour of landing on 500 R.A.P.W.I. on the dock where the R.A.P.W.I. were waiting to embark.

Then followed a hectic time of three shows a day to P.O.W. Camps until they left for Bangkok and Saigon. Now they are in Hong Kong and will open at the N.A.A.F.I. Canteen Club Kowloon to-night and for the remainder of the week, twice nightly at 6 and 8 o'clock.

The Company consists of Pat Gaye, Sybil Sherwood, who were married three weeks ago in Bangkok, Ronald George, Rita Massara and Frank Trewitt. In a nonstop review devised and produced by Pat Gaye.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## A PROTEST

Sir.—You are the most popular medium for displaying opinions on topical events, so we are writing to you in the hope you will advertise these facts and start the ball rolling for us. These facts hurt!

Our platoons are ashore guarding Japanese Naval P.O.W. remember they are the blokes who everyone hated bitterly three months ago! They work very little, or do nothing at all. They are having regular and very decent meals, which our lads don't get. They mustn't be doubled, shopped at, or treated in any harsh manner. We are even told rather ordered to return all salutes, no matter how sarcastically the salute is applied by them, even. We are directly ordered to treat them as we would our own, (the penalty for disobeying that is served)—by our own officers, but these are only under orders too! We are given no explanations, just—"do as you are told." Who is responsible for all this—ever it is, they've soon forgotten what kind of 'people' these Japanese are. It was similar after the last war to the result—this war.

Again we ask—Who is responsible for our forced fraternising? Is this what we fought for?

## INDIGNANT SAILORS.

## ST. ANDREW'S DAY

A Scottish Gathering will take place on St. Andrew's Day on Friday at 6 p.m. in St. John's Club (St. John's Cathedral Hall) Garden Road.

A concert consisting of piping,

Scottish folk songs, recitation, etc. will be given and refreshments provided. All interested are welcome.

The usual Toc H Meeting will be held this evening at 7.30 p.m.

in St. Andrew's Vicarage, Kowloon. Members and friends are welcome.

## HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER

Poole Fuk-choong, 26, at No.

48, Bulleye Street, Hung Hom

was admitted to the Kwong

Wah Hospital, with injuries re-

ceived on being knocked down

by an unidentified car in Wat-

erloo Road at about 8.50 p.m.

yesterday. He was discharged

after treatment.

## AMERICA MAKES ENQUIRY ABOUT IRON

WASHINGTON, NOV. 25.

IT WAS LEARNED TODAY

THAT THE UNITED STATES

HAS APPEALED DIRECTLY

TO MOSCOW FOR INFORMATION

ON OPERATIONS OF

THE RED ARMY FORCES IN

REVOLT-TORN NORTHERN

IRAN.

IN THE view of some Allied

diplomats here, the Iranian affair

is rapidly approaching a critical

point, and the Soviet Union's

response to the Washington note

will determine whether and how

friendly that point is reached.

Friendly relations between Britain,

and Russia are involved.

Britain and Russia signed a

treaty with Iran to respect its

independence. The United States

got a legal interest in Iran two

years ago when President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Stalin signed a declaration assuring Iran full independence.

Iran long has been regarded by

diplomats as a post-war trouble

spot because the Soviet Union

and the British Empire meet there at close quarters.—Associated Press.

## URUGUAY'S SLAP AT ARGENTINA

MONTEVIDEO, NOV. 26.

FOREIGN MINISTER EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ LARRETA

SAID TO-DAY THAT THE URUGUAYAN PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTIVE INTERVENTION AMONG AMERICAN NATIONS WHEN ONE DENIES PEOPLE ESSENTIAL RIGHTS AND FAILS TO FULFIL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO ARGENTINA.

Interviewed, Larreta described the proposal in the note handed to United States Ambassador William Dawson as an amplified answer to the recent United States note on the Argentine question. He added that the Uruguayan note goes beyond the Argentine question and tends to create a system to solve future situations among the American nations.

"My government is waiting

other American foreign offices to

take the initiative in deciding how

this multi-lateral examination is to be made."

The proposal would mark a

sharp departure from previous

polices which have been strongly

against interference in their internal affairs, stemming Latin-American fears of the United States.—Associated Press.

## SILENT THIS YEAR

Patrols of Scottish Commandos, now standing-in for the Police in the New Territories will be haggis-hunting this week. The Press, foiled more than once in the past, will be silent this year on the actual shooting. It will be up to the diners on Friday night to decide for themselves if it was a genuine haggis that was shot this year or some disease that the Nips left behind them.

HOWEVER THIS YEAR

Young newspapermen on their

first rounds of the Police Stations

at night would be greeted

by a genial Scot. "Have the

police been doing anything to

day?" Of course, the Police never sleep. Let's see what we do have here. Here's some

thing. A haggis was shot

in the good old pre-war days

when it was possible to be a

connoisseur of whiskies, there

was a Scottish backbone seen

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG  
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MONEY CHANGERS

Under the terms of the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance of 1933, no person may carry on the business of Money Changer unless he is licensed.

All persons wishing to continue their Money Changing business must apply to the Commissioner of Police immediately for licences.

C. H. SANSON,  
Colonel,  
C. A. Police.

Hong Kong,  
22nd November, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG  
POLICE AND PRISONS  
BRANCH  
PAWNBROKERS' LICENCES

No person may carry on the business of pawnbroking in Hong Kong unless he is in possession of a licence to do so.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay. Old licences should if possible accompany the applications.

C. H. SANSON,  
Colonel C.A.  
Police and Prisons Branch.

Hong Kong,  
22nd November, 1945.

## CLUB LUSITANO

Will those who were members of the above Club on December, 1941, please attend an unofficial meeting at the Club House on Sunday, 2nd December, 1945, at 11.30 a.m.

L. E. Basto  
Fred A. Xavier

Owing to an inadvertence, the meeting was announced in the Sunday Herald to take place on the 13th instead of the 2nd December, 1945.

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## DINNER DANCE

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ON

Friday, 30th November, 1945, at 19.00 hours

Dinner will be served from 20.30 hours

Admission By Ticket Only

Tickets—Single \$7.00, Double \$10.00

Obtainable from all Branch Secretaries

Tables are Bookable and must be claimed before 20.00 hours

The Pipes of 42 R.M. Commando Band will be in attendance

by kind permission of the Commanding Officer.

(There will be no Club Dance on Thursday Evening,  
20th November, 1945).

# Military Pensions Ban In Japan Hits At Vital Spot

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED AT THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS DEPLORING ATTEMPTS NOW BEING MADE TO UTILISE THE ATOMIC BOMB FOR NARROW AND NATIONAL PURPOSES.

The resolution told the governments of Britain and the United States that such attempts, while foredoomed to failure, were already seriously imperilling that international cooperation which alone could avert the dangers of a third world war.

The resolution also demanded immediate sharing of atomic bomb secrets between the three big powers and urged that ultimate control should rest with the security council of the United Nations. —Reuters

Some steel plants already are shut down, the Japanese press reports.

Critical tones are expected in to-day's opening of the 89th extraordinary Diet session. The Social Democrats announced they would challenge the war responsibility of some Diet members, including Speaker Toshiaki Shimaoka in the House of Representatives.

Popular support is expected for the order for a heavy wartime profits tax, but the pen-

sions elimination hit home at the people who already are restless on account of personal livelihood problems, which probably will carry more weight in the coming elections than will political philosophies.

The February 1 deadline for pensions elimination makes it essential for the Diet to act at the present session, thus precipitating hot debates although there is no chance of getting the directive changed.

A RACKET

The Shidehara Government is thus forced to assume responsibility just as the previous Higashikuni Cabinet had to take the responsibility for MacArthur's elimination of repressive wartime laws.

Colonel Raymond Kramer, head of MacArthur's economic section, described the military pension system as "a racket." He explained that under the military pension plan three years' service made it possible to retire regardless of age or physical condition.

The pension called for expenditure of 15 per cent of the Government's revenue annually, and Kramer said "If the Government spends 15 per cent on military pensions it certainly could not provide for over-all security."—Associated Press.

Manila, Nov. 25.—A Japanese officer, Colonel Kira of the 14th Army Group in the Philippines, testified at the Yamashita war crime trial to-day that calls for rice and other supplies from Japanese occupied Indo-China went unanswered due to the American sea and air blockade.

He asserted that Lieutenant-General Yamashita was greatly concerned over the food situation and had expressed his desire that the Allied internees and prisoners of war be taken care of properly.

Kira added that Yamashita had issued an order prohibiting his soldiers from stealing from civilians.

The Supreme Court of the Philippines to-day reserved its decision on the plea of Lieutenant-General Yamashita's counsel that he was being illegally "blitzed before a firing squad" by high-ranking American generals.

The plea was made in a request for a habeas corpus writ which contended that the United States Military Commission hearing of Yamashita's case was without jurisdiction and held that the Philippine Court was the proper tribunal. Counsel for defense asked that the Philippine court assume jurisdiction and take Yamashita into custody.—Associated Press.

REPATRIATION OF JAPS IN CHINA

PEKING, Nov. 26.—Repatriation of Japanese troops through Tangku will be completed December 4, according to a spokesman of the 11th war zone administration. The port freezes early in December, and thereafter movement will continue through Tsingtao. —Associated Press.

ROCKY FLIES BACK

CHUNGKING, Nov. 26.—Concluding a brief visit to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Marine Maj.-Gen. Keller Rockey, Commander of the Third Amphibious Corps in China, flew back to Shanghai late yesterday.

It was considered likely by observers that the General and Generalissimo went over together the whole situation involved with the presence of American Marines in North China.—Associated Press.

G.M. STRIKE REQUEST

Detroit, Nov. 26.—The striking C.I.O. United Automobile workers have asked the General Motors Corporation again to negotiate their wage fight in public and with the aid of Federal conciliators in the interests of promoting the earliest possible settlement of the Union's thirty per-cent wage boost demand.—Associated Press.

NEAR ITS END

TACOMA, Washington, Nov. 26.—Nearer to the close of its history, the famous American division will soon be deactivated 269 officers and 4,476 enlisted men of the division having arrived yesterday from Yokohama aboard the U.S.S. "Admiral Coontz."—Associated Press.

TOKYO, Nov. 26.—Repatriation of Chinese and Korean coal miners from northern Japan has been resumed with the lifting of General MacArthur's ban against railway movement of workers to four Japanese ports. The ban had been imposed to prevent overcrowding of the ports while shipping was inadequate.—Associated Press.

BURGESSBURN, Scotland, Nov. 26.—The United States Ambassador in London, Mr. John Whelan, said to-day that the United Nations, in addition to preventing starvation in Europe, must "step up the consumption of all nutrients needed for the health of the masses and people of every country."—Associated Press.

TOKYO, Nov. 26.—The Japanese Broadcasting Corporation has made the necessary preparation for the trial of television in early January. The Board of Communications announced to-day.—Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 26.—Several people were injured to-day in a clash between supporters and opponents of Colonel Peron of Argentina. —Reuters.

London, Nov. 26.—The Executive Committee of the Preparatory Commission, now preparing for the fifth general assembly of the United Nations, has elected as its Chairman M. Frotaes Vallo, Brazilian Ambassador to Canada.—Reuters.

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TRAIN SMASH

London, Nov. 26.—The New Delhi radio reported last night 10 passengers were killed and 15 injured in a passenger-freight train collision between Rangoon and Phyllis in northern India.—Associated Press.

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TOkyo, Nov. 26.—The strong man of Argentina, Gen. Juan Domingo Peron, has been named assistant chief of staff under General MacArthur to head the plans and operations division. He succeeds Brig.-Gen. William P. Chambers, who returned to the United States for re-education.—Associated Press.

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FRANCE REJECTS CHINA REQUEST

CHUNGKING, Nov. 26.—THE "CHINA TIMES" SAID YESTERDAY THAT FRANCE HAS REJECTED THE CHINESE REQUEST FOR CONVERSION OF HAIPHONG INTO A FREE INDO-CHINA COASTAL PORT.

It reported rejection also of the proposal for joint control of the Haiphong-Kunming railroad.

Such a Chinese request never has been announced officially although the Chinese foreign office representative in Indo-China said Saturday that French acquiescence in such developments would be welcomed.—Associated Press.

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LONDON, NOV. 26.—THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS' DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THEIR DISPUTE WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WAS STRESSED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE "NEWS-CHRONICLE" THIS MORNING BY GENERAL CHOU EN-LAI, WHO REPRESENTS THE COMMUNISTS IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS IN CHUNGKING.

"UNFORTUNATELY," WRITES THE GENERAL, "THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THE NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL ORDERED THE COMMANDERS AT THE VARIOUS FRONTS TO SUPPRESS THE BANDITS."

### Home Soccer Results

The following are the full results of F.A. Cup and League matches played in Britain on Saturday:

League North:—Blackburn 0, Manchester City 0; Blackpool 1, Huddersfield 0; Burnley 2, Bradford 1; Bradford City 1; Barnsley 2, Newcastle 1; Grimsby 3, Chesterfield 3; Liverpool 0, Sheffield Wednesday 2; Manchester United 0; Leeds United 1; Middlesbrough 0; Everton 0; Shrewsbury 2; Bolton Wanderers 3; Stoke City 4; Barnsley 0; Sunderland 0; Preston N.E. 1.

League South:—Birmingham 4; Millwall 0; Brentford 2; Swansea Town 2; Fulham 2; Charlton 4; Notts Forest 0; Luton Town 2; Plymouth Argyle 0; Arsenal 4; Portsmouth 2; Aston Villa 3; Tottenham Hotspur 3; Chelsea 2; West Bromwich Albion 5; Southampton 2; West Ham 2; Derby 3; Wolverhampton Wanderers 3; Leicester 0.

F.A. Cup:—Accrington Stanley 1; Chorley 0; Aldershot 7; Reading 3; Bradford 1; Nottingham County 2; Bristol City 3; Yeovil 0; Bristol Rovers 4; Swindon Town 1; Chelmsford 0; Northampton Town 5; Cheltenham 0; Bath City 2; Gateshead 6; Hartlepools United 2; Gainsborough 4; Mansfield Town 2; Grantham 2; Kettering 2; Lincoln City 3; York Amateurs 1; Newport County 1; Torquay United 1; North Shields 2; Carlisle United 3; Oldham Athletic 3; Southport 1; Queen's Park Rangers 2; Burnley 1; Rochdale 1; Stockport County 1; Romford 1; Brighton and Hove Albion 1; Rotherham United 2; Dagenham 1; Rovers 1; Slough 1; Bromley 0; Southend United 0; Watford 3; Stalybridge 3; Marine Crosby 3; Stockton 1; Darlington 4; Tranmere Rovers 0; South Liverpool 1; Walsall 4; Shrewsbury 1; Wellington 0; Port Vale 2; Wrexham 3; Crewe Alexandra 0; York City 4; Halifax Town 2.

Scottish (A):—Celtic 2; Morton 1; Falkirk 3; Hearts 5; Hibernian 6; Queen of the South 1; Kilmarnock 2; Queen's Park 2; Motherwell 1; Rangers 2; Partick Thistle 5; Hamilton 1; St. Mirren 2; Clyde 1; Third Lanark 3; Aberdeen 1.

Scottish (B):—Airdrie 4; Raith Rovers 2; Alloa 3; St. Johnstone 1; Arbroath 3; Dunfermline 1; Cowdenbeath 0; Ayre United 1; Dumbarton 0; Dundee 1; Dundee United 2; Alloa Rovers 3; East Fife 7; Stenhousemuir 2.

Budapest, Nov. 25.—The Minister of State Arpad Szakasits said to-day that the Hungarian National Assembly's first act will be to declare the nation once more a people's republic. —Associated Press.

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